

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Byrne was not present. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges asked Council if they had any objection to suspending the order of the meeting to allow the update on Comcast to go first since Mike Delph had another meeting to attend in Indianapolis. Council agreed.

Delph presented a letter to Council of new channels that are being offered. Delph also asked for an extension of the agreement until the end of May. He thought everything should be in order by that time. Pavey made a motion to extend the agreement until the end of May. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- Last Thursday evening an informational meeting sponsored by the Rush County ECDC was held at the ECDC office. Representatives from the city and county attended. The meeting was to discuss the possibility of resurrecting the redevelopment commission that was formed to oversee the INTAT TIF district. Those present felt it is imperative to reopen the existing redevelopment commission and investigate to see if a redevelopment commission exists for Rush County. This is a five-member commission. The procedure to do this would be for the City Council to appoint two members to the commission and the Mayor would then have three appointments. This commission would then embark on reorganization of the district. Bridges stated that this is essential and would encourage the City Council to make this recommendation. Pavey made a motion to suspend the current membership of the Redevelopment Commission for the TIF district. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pavey made a motion to reform the commission, by state statute that oversees the TIF district. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion

carried. Fields then made a motion to appoint John McCane and John Pavey as the Council's appointments. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Bridges announced that after much work and collaboration between several agencies, the area Workforce Investment Board approved for Rush County to have a Work One Express in this community. This is something we have pushed for sometime and will enhance our ability to serve and train our workforce in this community. The center will be located at Rush Memorial Hospital. Bridges thanked all those who came to the table to make this happen.
- A quote was received on the Law Enforcement Liability Insurance from Maverick Insurance. The amount was \$12,967.00 with a \$5000.00 deductible, and \$11,352.00 with a \$10,000.00 deductible. Last year the City paid \$12,600.00 for \$5,000.00 deductible. Sheehan made a motion to go with Maverick with a \$5,000.00 deductible. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

- Copley asked approval for payment to Barnes and Thornburg for their work on the annexation project. Pavey made a motion to approve payment from the BANS to Barnes and Thornburg. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Clerk-Treasurer Copley then said she and Deputy Fish had been working with Ceridian regarding the FSA benefit the City had decided to implement. She then explained that there would be a \$795.00 set up fee, a minimum of \$125.00 monthly fee. The City would need to open a separate account and put in approximately \$10,000.00 to fund the account. She said once a week Ceridian would be allowed to debit this account through ACH. Sheehan made a motion to allow Copley to set up the bank account and move forward as long as at least 12 people decided to participate in the benefit. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey expressed his thanks for everyone's help at the St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser.

He also reported that he has received the zoning maps.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

Sheehan offered a special thank you to Danny Mathews, Marcia Fish, Carla Sharpe, and Parks Board Members for their help with the St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser. He said he thought they would raise somewhere between \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00 for the Riverside Park.

He said he is still working on the wage study and still has a few surveys to come in.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Park – Mathews said the Easter egg hunt would be March 26th at noon.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

INTAT CF1 – Jerry Sprouse updated Council and asked for approval on the CF-1. Sheehan made a motion to approve the CF-1. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Landscape Plan 514 West 1st Street – McGowan made a motion to suspend the moratorium for 514 West 1st Street with the agreement that the landscaping will be in place within 6 months. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elimination of Trapping of Animals – McGowan stated that the City couldn't legally trap animals without a permit. Fields made a motion to eliminate the trapping of animals by the City pursuant to State statute. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moving Trash Collection from Alleyways to Street – Bennett said he would like to have Council's input on the idea of moving the trash pickup from the alleys to the streets. He said he sent out 21 letters last week regarding trash and has 2 more ready to send out. Chris Fields said the City would need to do a lot of education before this was implemented. Fields then made a motion to table the matter for further investigation. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Apartment Trash Collection – Bennett said he would like to eliminate picking up trash at apartment complexes. He is now picking up trash at Loma with 76 apartments and Northgate with 16 apartments. Both places have private drives. He said the disposal fee for Loma for the year was approximately \$4,000.00, and approximately \$1,000.00 for Northgate. Fields made a motion to cease picking up trash at the two apartment complexes effective May 1. Motion died for lack of second. Bennett stated that he would like to have a meeting with the owners of the apartments to discuss the matter. Sheehan made a motion to table the matter and give Bennett the opportunity to talk to the owners and report back at the next meeting. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Sale of Lots at Wilson Estates – Bridges said he has had phone calls requesting purchasing lots at Wilson Estates. Pavey made a motion to advertise the remaining lots using the current appraisals. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement for 911 Equipment – Sheehan made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the County for the 911 Equipment. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no other business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER